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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A composite panel configured for use with a sidewall of a  
trailer includes an outer metal sheet, an inner metal sheet,  
and a core member positioned between the inner and outer  
metal sheets. The core member includes a plurality of  
apertures formed therethrough such that each aperture  
extends from an inner surface of the core member to an outer  
surface of the core member. Illustratively, the plurality of  
apertures is covered by the inner and outer metal sheets.

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